

Amendments to the Claims:

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1-16. (Canceled)

17. (Currently Amended) A discrimination medium for determining authenticity of an object by providing an optically discriminating mark on the object, the medium comprising:

a multilayer thin film having light selectivity of reflecting characteristics depending on a viewing angle, and

a support body where the multilayer thin ~~film~~ film is fixed or a masking-sheet sheet is fixed to a surface of the multilayer thin film for masking a part of the surface, wherein

~~the multilayer thin film is cut into strips or fibers,~~

~~the multilayer thin film is held between the support body divided into two layers, and~~

~~one or two layers of the support body have an opening to allow the multilayer thin film to be seen.~~

the multilayer thin film comprises a first multilayer thin film, a second multilayer thin film, and an optical absorption layer held between the first multilayer thin film and the second multilayer thin film,

both sides of the optical absorption layer have light selectivity of reflecting characteristics depending on a viewing angle,

the multilayer thin film is cut into strips, fibers, or small chips,

the support body is made of paper, and

the multilayer thin film is mixed into the support body when the support body was made.

18. (Previously Presented) The discrimination medium according to claim 17, wherein a portion is formed by printing or foil transfer, and the portion exhibits a color equivalent to the color of the medium which further comprises the multilayer thin film viewed from a specific direction.

19.-21 (Canceled)

22. (Currently Amended) The discriminating medium according to claim 17, wherein

the multilayer thin film is subjected to a hologram processing or a press processing is made to the multilayer thin film.

23. (Previously Presented) The discrimination medium for discriminating according to claim 17, wherein
the discrimination medium has an adhesive layer to adhere the medium to the object, and

the adhesive layer includes a pigment or dye having a color which may be black.

24. (Currently Amended) The discrimination medium according to claim 17, wherein

the surface of the discrimination medium facing the object is printed ~~which may be black~~ with a color, wherein the color is black.

25. (Currently Amended) The discrimination medium according to claim 23, wherein

a fluorescent material layer or a light accumulating material layer is held between a part of the discrimination medium and a part of the adhesive layer or between a part of the discrimination medium and a part of ~~the printed~~ a printed layer.

26. (Previously Presented) The discrimination medium according to claim 17, the medium further comprises:

a slit partially formed in the discrimination medium.

27.-28. (Canceled)

29. (Previously Presented) The discrimination medium according to claim 22, wherein

the multilayer thin film includes a stamped layer for forming at least one of a hologram and an embossment.

30. (Currently Amended) The discrimination medium according to claim 29, wherein the stamped layer is made from a material selected from thermosetting resins, ionization radiation hardening ~~resin~~ resins, and ultraviolet ray hardening ~~resin~~ resins.

31. (Currently Amended) The medium for discriminating according to claim 17, wherein the multilayer thin film is obtained by stacking multiple thin films ~~multiple~~ and drawing the stacked films.